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THE MOUNT CARMEL GUILD OF NEWARK

A democratic institution in a democratic nation . . .

Such is the Mount Carmel Guild. It is dedicated to neighborliness, kindness, helpfulness. It helps all in need, regardless of race or religion. It serves quietly and in confidence, in the true spirit of the Good Samaritan.

It is charity where charity begins—at home.

About the world, warfare rages and persecution is rampant. Fortunate are we in America—we who are spared the turmoil that transforms vast areas into seething cauldrons of hate and conflict. We are at peace, with our neighbor and with the world. The traditions of democracy have been preserved for us and for these we must fight, but not each other. We exhaust our energies for the good of one another, not against one another. Our enemies are unemployment, hunger, lack of shelter, illness of the indigent.

Democracy has given us a spirit of cooperation, of community aid to the less fortunate, and this spirit spreads over the nation in times of need. The federal government, the state and the community are all organized to alleviate suffering and administer to the needy. Their work is vast and is carried out with much care and consideration. Yet, they need the aid of supplementary organizations, especially in the neighborhoods.

There was founded such an organization in Newark, in 1930. It had its inception in the humanitarian understanding of his Excellency, the Most Rev. Thomas Joseph Walsh, S.T.D., J.C.D., Archbishop of Newark. It had its justification—if justification is needed—in the neighborhood suffering that came to His Excellency's attention as he traveled from parish to parish.



FOUNDED IN HUMILITY

The Mount Carmel Guild is an humble institution; it has wanted to be humble. It is rooted in humility, the kind of humility that makes you understand your neighbor's problems, makes you want to help in a gracious, unostentatious way.

The work of the Guild at first was confined to a few parishes. In eight years, it has spread its activities into the surrounding communities, till today there are 28 individual Guild Centers operating in 7 northern counties of the State. At the beginning, its funds came entirely from Catholics, but even then its errands of mercy gave succor regardless of race, or color, or creed. Today, it is supported by men and women of all faiths.

All of its workers are women, all are volunteers. They are guided by the accepted standards of welfare administration. In 1937, more than 3,000 women gave unstintingly of their time and energy in working for the spiritual, moral and physical betterment of the needy.

It is an adage that "He gives twice who gives quickly".

Certainly, these words apply to the Mount Carmel Guild. Much of its activity is emergency work—cash needed immediately for food or shelter or medical attention, to tide families over until the routine aid may be obtained from the official agencies. And for this reason, the Guild has often been called “The Neighborhood Stop-Gap”.

Behind this emergency aid is a broad program of neighborhood activity carried on by women who KNOW the needs of families because they KNOW THE FAMILIES.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE 1937 CONTRIBUTIONS

Hot meals were served to the extremely poor by the Mt. Carmel Guild Service Kitchen on Central Ave. seven days a week. Just before the noon hour the family dinners are given out. These are taken to the individual homes to feed children, infirm, aged and those otherwise handicapped in a manner making it impossible for them to come to the Service Kitchen. From 1 P.M. to 4 P.M. men are fed in the two dining halls, while women, entering through a separate entrance are served in a private room. Every considera-

tion is shown these less fortunate neighbors as it is a strict rule of the Guild that immediate physical aid must be "dispensed in CONFIDENCE AND KINDNESS" to all worthy petitioning local poor without distinction of race, color, or religion.

A committee of 40 women, all volunteer workers of the Guild, alternate in serving the meals in the Service Kitchen. Throughout the year, day after day, this group of splendid women contributes its time to help in this branch of the Guild's work that has assumed such huge proportions during the past year.

The Service Kitchen is equipped with every modern convenience for the preparation of hot, nourishing meals and for the thorough cleansing of all utensils used in the Kitchen and dining halls.

While the maintenance of the Service Kitchen required a tremendous amount of the Guild's resources, it was still possible to carry on the other activities. In the Physical Relief department 6,465 individuals in 1,273 families were aided. Cash was supplied in urgent cases, rents were paid and grocery orders given. In the Material Transfer De-

partment, 16,103 garments and 1,386 pairs of shoes were distributed. Through other departments 8,580 institutional visits were made to comfort the sick and unfortunate, 16,242 pieces of literature distributed, toys, candy, Christmas baskets, layettes and other gifts delivered, and employment found for men and women.

IT COSTS FIVE CENTS

The Mount Carmel Guild has established a great record of efficiency.

Out of every dollar you give, 95 cents passes on to the needy. Only five cents is used up in administration. It is doubtful if such a low-cost charitable enterprise is surpassed anywhere in the world today.

The unselfishness of American women makes this possible. But the quality of the work does not suffer because it is done by volunteers. Instead, it has a personal touch that is sometimes missing when done by the professional social worker. The inspiration that leads these volunteers to make sacrifices of their own time and money injects a warm

and human relationship into their contact with those in want and misery.

These women are not bound by the "red-tape" of officialdom. To them come reports, perhaps, from the neighbors of those in need. And in a few hours, food or medical aid is given, shelter has been provided, a mission of mercy has been fulfilled.

Many persons, unfortunately, often feel too proud to seek relief. But the women of the Mount Carmel Guild, in constant touch with the needs of their neighborhood, become informed and a family in want is cared for.

Perhaps the outstanding thing about the Guild volunteers is the quietness with which they carry on their work. It is done in a confidence which builds its good name.

These volunteers work without recognition. They find their only reward—the only reward they need—in these words of Archbishop Walsh:

"The service of the poor is the greatest work in which we can engage."

THE 1938 APPEAL

In its infancy, the Mount Carmel Guild faced a crisis—the depression. It did not flinch. And it will not flinch this year, when its services are again in great need.

The past months have found applications piling up in the offices of the Guild in increasing numbers. The demands for emergency aid come in many times daily. Those who suddenly find themselves without jobs again—but who are hopeful that tomorrow may bring another, and who do not want to return to the relief rolls—need food. Proudly, they want to remain independent, and need only enough help to tide them over. The Mount Carmel Guild will not fail them—if the public does not fail the Guild.

Its services will remain available to all, just so long as it has funds to operate. And remember—95 cents out of every dollar you give to the Guild is passed on to the needy families of our community.

In countless homes, families have looked to the Mount Carmel Guild for aid. They must not look in vain. Their own neighborhood must not fail them, when their need is urgent. For eight years, the Guild has given IMMEDIATELY. It can not slow up now.

The brigades of women volunteers are ready. Needy families are waiting. Everything is ready and waiting—for you.



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GATE OF MERCY

Every day throughout the year thousands of hungry men pass through this gate. Photographs are never taken of the applicants because of the Guild policy to embarrass no one and extend aid "in Confidence and Kindness" to all who apply, regardless of race, creed or color.

The generosity of the people of the Newark District made this humane service possible. Their contributions will assure continuance of the Service Kitchen and the other activities of the Guild.



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